



Local Youth Film Festival Offers over \$2000 in prizes!

MyView Youth Film Festival is back for its 8th year! Kemptville's own McGahey Insurance and Grenville Mutual Insurance have again teamed up to provide the \$1000 Grand Prize for 2022. This creative film-making contest is open to all youth **ages 10-24 that live, work or play in Eastern Ontario** (see www.myviewfilmfest.ca for list of eligible counties).

Young people are encouraged to pick up their phones or cameras and make a short video that **celebrates something** in their life or community; **shows a solution** to a problem or **showcases their opinion!** Exit Realty has joined MyView this year to offer a new "My Community" prize category. Thanks to **McGahey Insurance, Grenville Mutual Insurance, Exit Realty** and **YourTV** for donating great prizes to the winners in the following categories:

- Best Overall Video - \$1000
- I ♥ My Community - \$750
- Age Category Prizes (10-13; 14-17; 18-24)

The deadline for video submission is shifted to October 1st this year. Local youth are encouraged to get out into their communities to look for inspiration. There is no shortage of interesting topics to explore. Past winners have addressed a variety of topics from mental well-being and body image to the cost of post-secondary education and everything in between. "This generation of young people have all kinds of new issues to tackle; like climate change, cannabis legalization and social media. Youth are extremely well informed and I look forward to seeing what they have to say!" says Rebecca Shams, Health Promoter and MyView committee member.

Judging criteria heavily favours the content of the videos over the production elements, in hopes of encouraging all eligible youth, regardless of their level of experience in film making and production, to participate and share their stories. John Barclay, MyView founder and Producer with Triune Productions, shared his excitement for this year's festival: "Every year I look forward to seeing the creativity and imagination of young film-makers as they communicate what's important to them," he said. "This year I'm especially eager to see entrants from more Eastern Ontario communities."

For more information on contest rules or judging criteria, or to see past year's submissions and winners, visit us on facebook [@myviewfilmfest](https://www.facebook.com/myviewfilmfest), check out www.myviewfilmfest.ca or email info@myviewfilmfest.ca

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